		IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT C DISTRICT OF MASSACHUS	SETTS .
	. 1	SOUTH SHORE SAVINGS BANK, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO SOUTH WEYMOUTH SAVINGS BANK,	
,	1/05	Plaintiff,	Civil No.
SCANNED	DATE: 8/94	JOEL K. LOGAN, INDIVIDUALLY AND AS TRUSTEE ) OF CRESTVIEW MANAGEMENT TRUST; MARY ELLEN LOGAN, INDIVIDUALLY AND AS TRUSTEE OF CRESTVIEW MANAGEMENT TRUST; MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE; GLABB, LLC AS ASSIGNEE OF KING DAVID TRUST; CIRELLI FOODS, INC.; INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE; JONATHAN BASHEIN AS ASSIGNEE OF NIXON PEABODY, LLP; ROBERT J. GRIFFIN, ESQ.; THOMAS F. REILLY, ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS; THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS BY ITS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH; HEALTHCARE CAPITAL RESOURCES, INC., AND	5 - 11754 RGS
		HCFP FUNDING, INC., SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO HEALTH PARTNERS FUNDING, L.P.,	
		Defendants.	

## UNITED STATES' REQUEST TO ENLARGE TIME TO ANSWER OR RESPOND

On, or about, August 24, 2005, the defendant United States of America removed this action to this Court. The defendant United States hereby respectfully requests this Court to enter an order enlarging, to and including September 27, 2005, the time in which the United States shall be permitted to serve an answer, a motion, or such other response as may be permitted by the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, with respect to the complaint in the above-titled action.

No memorandum is submitted in support of this request as it is not a motion. As provided by Rule 6(b)(1) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the district court has discretion to grant requests to enlarge time "without motion or notice before the expiration of the period." (emphasis added) In contrast, Rule 6(b)(2) limits enlargements to the granting of motions made upon grounds of excusable neglect. Accordingly, here we are making a timely request under Rule 6(b)(1).

In making this request, we note that Rule 81(c) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure governs the procedure in civil actions removed from the state courts to the United States District Courts. Rule 81(c) first provides that the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure apply to removed cases. The Rule goes on to prescribe certain periods for the service of an answer or other defenses. The governing time period under Rule 81(c) may be as short as five days after removal. Plaintiff's complaint is brought under 28 U.S.C. § 2410 as an action affecting property on which the United States has a lien. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2410(b), the United States may appear and answer, plead or demur within sixty days after service or such other time as the court may allow. See 28 U.S.C. § 2410(b). The undersigned trial counsel represents that more than five days are required to prepare and to serve an appropriate response raising the defenses of the United States. The period of additional time requested is commensurate with the sixty-day period permitted under 28 U.S.C. § 2410(b), as service was made on the United States on July 29, 2005.

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Therefore, the United States requests the appropriate sixty-days in which to answer or otherwise respond to the complaint, up to and including September 27, 2005.

I hereby certify that a true copy of the above document was served upon (each party appearing <a href="mailto:property">propearing propearing p

August 24, 2005

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